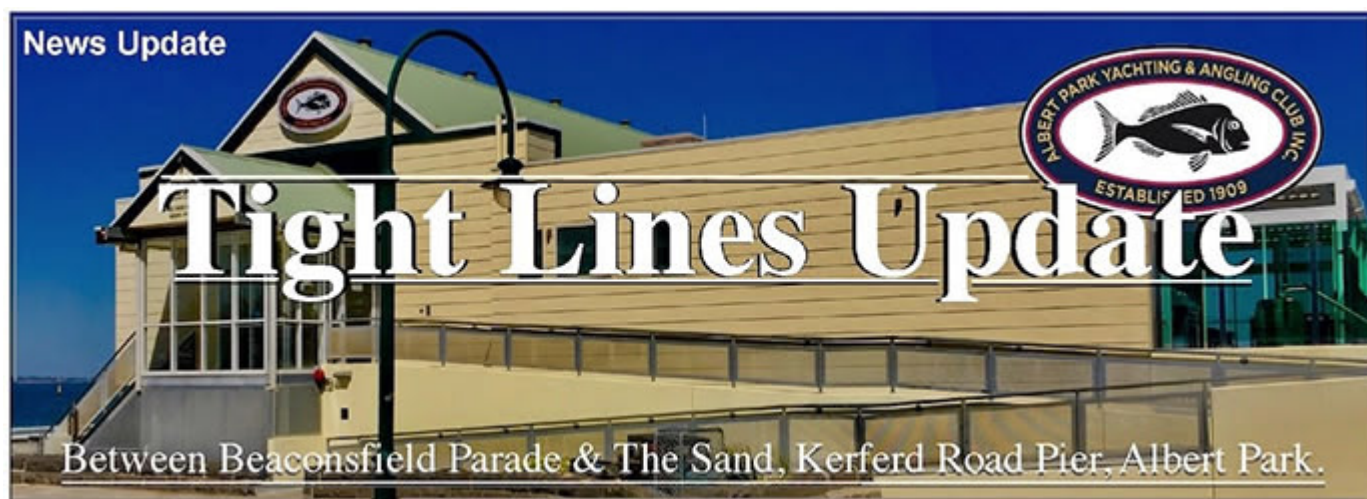


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Wednesday 30th September - Tuesday 13th October 2026

Plan ahead.

In this issue, you'll read about the Committee's commitment to a three-year plan, to be driven by **Peter Holdsworth**.

It's only fitting, given that in nine days we'll be exactly three years out from our 120th birthday.

As with all volunteer organisations, we are always short-handed, so it's always difficult to look much further than the next leaking roof or member function. But the 120th is worthy of attention and long-term planning.

Get yourself on Peter's Sub-Committee.

Attending the 115th birthday party of the *Royal Historical Society of Victoria*, at Government House no less, it was all pomp and circumstance. Then I realised: our Club is the same age!

I reckon we should be invited there for our 120th ... celebrating a bunch of wharfies who wanted to build a shelter for their boats, promising that you'd be able to see **over** the clubhouse from the Victoria Hotel on the corner. You could, if *you were changing the flag on the roof!*

We could call it '*Wharfie Time!*' ... then again, maybe not.

As we pack up the footy scarves for five months, and get ready to watch Bathurst, let's take a moment to remember **Kylie's** extravaganza and one of the best Grand Finals ever played, and thank **Annabelle** and her team for turning it on last Saturday.

Ahead is Oktoberfest and the Spring Carnival. Grab your tickets for Melbourne Cup and Oaks Days. They'll be going fast.

Last year, at the end of Cup Day, one guest remarked that they used to go to Flemington every year, but had come to our Club the last two years, "... *and were never going back, because THIS is better!*"

High praise.

This is the last edition before the AGM next Wednesday; only two nominees for the three Committee spots, so no election is needed. Congratulations to **Mark Goldblatt** and **Peter Holdsworth**; thanks for standing.

Read on about slow-braised lamb shank, an exquisite Rosé, and fish that have decided to bite, now that the season has started.

This issue of Tight Lines has everything!

You can read about one of our hire boats that ran out of fuel—in the shipping lane no less. When you study to be an aircraft pilot, fuel is one of the subjects where a 100% pass mark is required.

The good part is, when there is no fuel left, *they rarely catch fire!*

This is edition **131** of Tight Lines.

James Nixon,
Editor.



Image: Netflix's depiction of Melbourne during their NFL live broadcast doubled our Dandenongs, rearranged our architecture and widened the Yarra, immediately increasing overseas interest in our real estate market. Sadly, they knocked off our pier.

Parma Wednesdays.

4 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Happy Hours, selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

The full dinner menu will be available, but without the Specials.

Wednesday Parma Night.

Chef Chris runs four Parma options, each served with chips and salad, all for just \$24.

With every Parma sold, we're also offering:

- A pot of lager or draught includes Great Northern for just \$2.50, or
- A glass of Hill Chardonnay or Shiraz at the same price.

Club Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month

Next Wednesday is the **Annual General Meeting** on the 7th October; see below.

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Happy Hours, selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!
Starters and light meals until 6:30 p.m. - No Parmas that Wednesday night.
The AGM starts at 7:30 p.m.
Enjoy the Club-sponsored supper after the meeting.
All welcome!

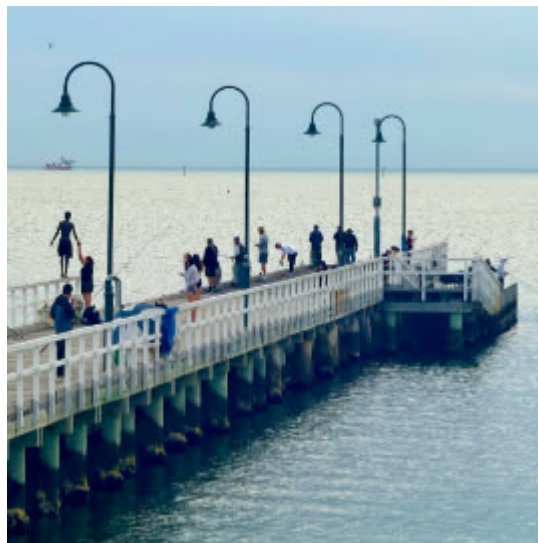
Happy hour Thursdays.

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

7 p.m. \$1,000 Member's Draw! It only spins once on Thursdays. To win, you must be present and financial. When your name comes up, you must claim the prize within one minute.
You have to be there to win!

Image: Last Thursday's hot weather brought out the first pier-jumper of spring, balancing on the rail.



Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw prize pool rolls at 7.30 p.m. sharp and is \$1,100 for Friday, the 2nd October. To win, the member must be present and financial. When their name comes up, they must claim the prize within one minute. If not claimed, the jackpot increases by \$100 each week until won. Last Friday night, *Peter Garner, Scott Graham, & Trish Taylor* missed out on \$1,000.

Weekly Raffle

Tickets are sold in the hour before the Member's Draw, and the raffle is drawn soon after.

Four Prizes up for grabs:

- The Meats Tray, from *Kirkpatrick's Meats*.
- Mumm Champagne.
- A \$70 bar voucher.
- A substantial 'secret' prize; check it out on the prize table.

Tickets: one for \$5, or six for \$20 (EFT only).

Be nice to our volunteers at the door and selling raffle tickets.

If you wish to stay for a meal, please make sure you book a table by **clicking the link here**.

Reminder: When making a reservation for dining, it is expected that you order within 30 mins of your booking time, and all meals must be ordered before 8:30 p.m. Thank you.

Saturday night dining every week.*

On normal Saturdays:

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. HAPPY HOUR**

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

Full Dinner menu available.

Book your table **by clicking here**.

Please note that you will be directed to the website and will need to log in to your portal or use the App.

If there are no bookings or demand, the venue may close early.

* Unless a function is being held.

** Happy Hour 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. EVERY Saturday (except when closed early for functions)

Oktoberfest Prost!

Sunday 11th October.

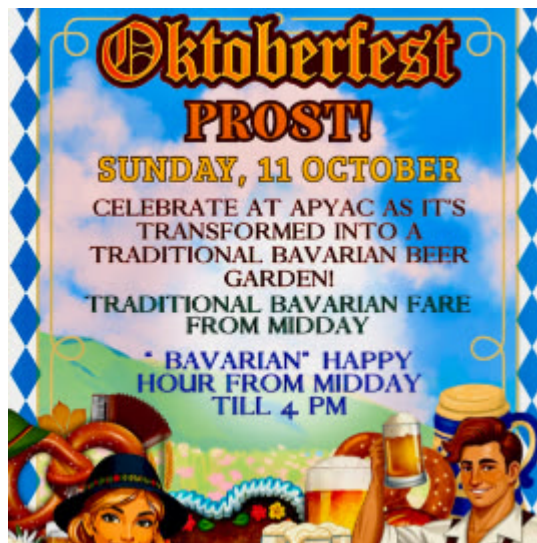
From midday.

Celebrate at APYAC as it's transformed into a traditional Bavarian beer garden!

Traditional Bavarian fare from midday.

'Bavarian happy hour' from midday till 4 p.m.

Free to come. Free to have fun! Prost!



Melbourne Cup Day.

Tuesday 3rd November.

\$75 per person

From 12 noon (first course served at 12.30 pm).

Celebrate the race that stops the nation with us at Albert Park Yachting & Angling Club.

Enjoy a relaxed, fine-dining 3-course luncheon while taking in the stunning bayside views. *Vegetarian option available.

Seating will be inside, with outdoor seating available, weather permitting.



In the notes section, please specify if you would like a vegetarian option, or if you are sitting with a particular group.

- *Hosted by James Nixon*
- *Complimentary glass of Mumm*
- **All Races Live on Screen*
- *Race Sweepstakes*
- *Prizes*
- *Fashion Catwalk*

Grab your tickets by [clicking this link](#).

Oaks Day.

5th November.
\$65 per person

From 12 noon (first course served at 12.30 pm).
Celebrate the race that stops the nation with us at Albert Park Yachting & Angling Club.
Enjoy a relaxed, fine-dining 3-course luncheon while taking in the stunning bayside views. *Vegetarian option available.
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Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Slow-Braised Lamb Shank - Garlic & Rosemary Mash, Buttered Seasonal Greens, Sweet Potato Crisps & Rich Red Gravy \$41

Chorizo & Chicken Risotto - Crème Fraîche, Baby Spinach, Parmesan \$33

Thai Green Chicken Curry - Fragrant Jasmine Rice, Thai Eggplant, Fresh Chilli, Thai Basil, Coriander & Lime \$29

anglers kitchen		LUNCH & DINNER BISTRO MENU	
GRAZE		SALADS	
NATURAL OYSTERS Tartar sauce half dozen \$38	6	CAESAR Babe ribs, cretons, bacon, egg, parmesan, anchovies, dressing COGS	31
CHARRED CORN RIBS Chili, peppers, lime, sea salt, avocado	36	ROASTED PUMPKIN Ancient grains, beetroot, dried cranberries, roasted seeds, lemon yoghurt and maple-lemon dressing avgs	25
VEGETARIAN SPRING ROLLS Isolberg, chili & lime oil	17	SUPERFOOD SALAD Honey glazed carrots, chickpeas, roasted broccoli, quinoa, kale, seeds, tahini dressing avgs	25
PORK DUMPLINGS Light soy and ginger sauce, seaweed salad	23	CRISPY CALAMARI Rusket, pickled onion, balsamic, lemon mayo, Majju chutney avgs	22
FRIED KARRAMUNDI WINGS Tzatziki, chili & sesame seeds, lemon avgs	28	ADD: SENS King prawn (ea)	6
GRAZING BOARD Cured meats, Italian cheeses, pickled vegetables, olives, grilled focaccia avgs	32	Grilled chicken	6
		Crispy calamari	10

Garlic Butter Oysters - Herb & Parmesan Pangrattato, Lemon \$6.50 ea

Coconut Crème Brûlée - Vanilla Bean, Caramelised Sugar Crust & Toasted Coconut \$9

Check out the **new main menu** **HERE**.

BOOKINGS: 9690 5530 or **click HERE to make a booking**.

Although Tight Lines is circulated to all, please understand that if you are still on the waitlist, you are not officially a member and thus cannot book for Club functions or Anglers Restaurant Bookings until your membership is approved.
Thanks for understanding.

Wine of the Month.

Le Grand Cros



La Tortue Rosé

Côtes de Provence

Dry and fruity, this rosé seduces with its aromatic expression, elegance and freshness. From the heart of Provence on Julian Faulkner's family estate, this rosé offers the aromatic quintessence of Cinsault, Grenache, Syrah, and Rolle, and a careful balance between character and elegance.

A peachy colour. The nose is complex and intense, expressing notes of yellow fruit, powdery rose, and tropical fruit. The palate is full-bodied, the fruit is persistent, and the finish is delicious. Beautiful expression.

\$48 per bottle

President's message.

What a Grand Final!

Well, if you wanted a Grand Final with a bit of everything, Brisbane Lions versus Fremantle Dockers certainly delivered!

What an epic match, one that will surely go down as one of the greats. Fremantle gave it absolutely everything and came agonisingly close to taking down the mighty Lions, keeping the Club buzzing right until the end.

Before the first bounce, **Kylie Minogue** put on a fantastic opening show —although perhaps her biggest impact was on our very own **Gus** from *'My Girlfriend Sheryl'*. Inspired by Kylie's performance, Gus promptly announced the formation of his newest band: *'My Girlfriend Kylie.'*

Apparently, he's bringing his guitar to next year's Grand Final gig. Whether Kylie herself has agreed to join the band remains unconfirmed.

Back at APYAC, **Annabelle** and our wonderful staff once again transformed the Club into a spectacular footy haven. The decorations looked fantastic, the atmosphere was brilliant, and the team went above and beyond to make sure everyone had a great day.

And, of course, ASCOT Catering delivered their usual mouth-watering spread. I'm not sure there was a bigger cheer all afternoon than when the half-time party pies and sausage rolls started arriving at the tables. Forget the premiership cup, that was serious excitement!

A special mention must also go to our junior members. They were incredibly well-behaved, joined in all the excitement and were a wonderful part of the day. Seeing different generations enjoying these Club events together is exactly what APYAC is all about.





Finally, a huge thank you to **Michael Kotsansis** for the enormous amount of work he has put into our Footy Tipping Competition throughout the season. His Tight Lines reports have kept us entertained, informed and, on more than one occasion, seriously questioning our tipping ability! Thank you, Michael, for the time, humour and effort you put into making the competition such good fun.

Another fantastic APYAC day, great footy, great food, plenty of laughs and, most importantly, great company.

See you at the Club,

Lee
Lee Spyrou,
President.

Looking to our future.

I'm delighted to share that your Committee has unanimously thrown its support behind the development of a new Three-Year Strategic Plan for APYAC.

We are incredibly proud of where our Club is today, but good leadership is also about looking ahead. This plan will help us consider where we want APYAC to be in three years and ensure we continue to grow while protecting the history, culture and sense of community that make our Club so special.

Importantly, this won't simply be a Committee plan. Our members, staff, and community stakeholders will have an opportunity to help shape our future. **Peter Holdsworth** is coordinating the project, and you'll find more information below, including how you can get involved.

It's an exciting next step for APYAC, and one your Committee is very pleased to support. After all, 117 years of history deserves a pretty good plan for what comes next!

Lee
Lee Spyrou,
President.

Three-year strategic plan.

The APYAC Committee has resolved to develop a strategic plan to guide the Club over the next three years.

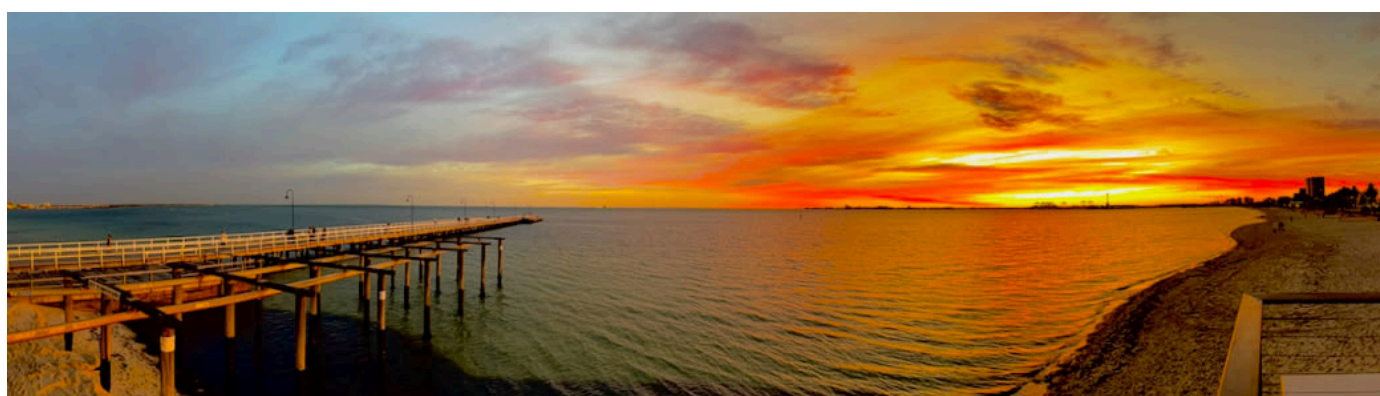
The process will engage members, staff and community stakeholders to shape the Club's priorities, so APYAC continues its long and proud history as a welcoming, diverse and vibrant community organisation that serves its members well.

Committee member and Project Coordinator **Peter Holdsworth** (pictured) said: *"This plan will set out where we want the Club to be in three years, covering our membership offerings, governance, financial position, community involvement and reputation, and the strategies we'll use to get there."*

Planning will begin soon, with the final plan approved and implemented by the Committee in early 2027.

Want to help shape it?

We're looking for members to join the *Strategic Planning Organising Committee*. Contact Peter Holdsworth on 0419 374 574 or at pholdsworth @ pathwaysaustralia.com.au.



The first warm Friday night of spring.

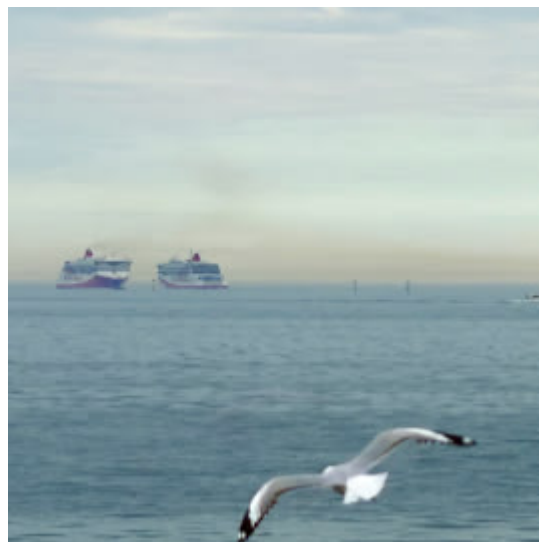
Annual General Meeting.

Next Wednesday 7th October 2026

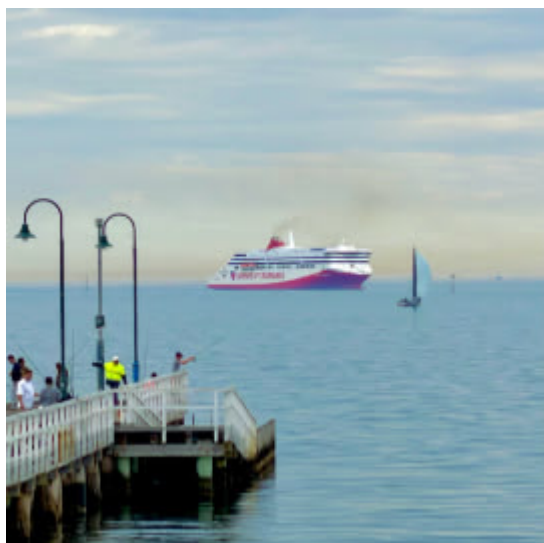
This Notice specifies that the Wednesday 7th October meeting is our Annual General Meeting and lists the Agenda. We do not plan any rule changes requiring Special Resolutions, so this Notice and Agenda, and the availability of the Nomination Form [[CLICK HERE](#)], fulfil the legislative requirements.

Agenda

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Quorum Confirmation & Conflict of Interest Declaration
- Confirm Minutes of Previous 2025 AGM
- Business Arising from Minutes of 2025 AGM
- To receive the Committee's reports on the transactions of the Association during the last 12 months
- President's Address
- Treasurer's Report
- Accountants Report
- Auditors Report
- Appointment of Club Auditor for 2026-27
- Confirmation of 2026-27 Membership Fees including Boathouse Fees
- Results of election for New Committee Members



Announcement of Executive Committee positions
 Other Business.
 Close of Meeting



Nomination to Committee

As explained in the last two issues, three committee places are available for nomination under our collegiate system.

Two nomination forms were received by the Secretary by the deadline of 5 p.m Tuesday 22nd September —from **Mark Goldblatt** and **Peter Holdsworth**.

As we received fewer than three nominations to fill the vacancies, there is NO requirement for an election at the AGM.

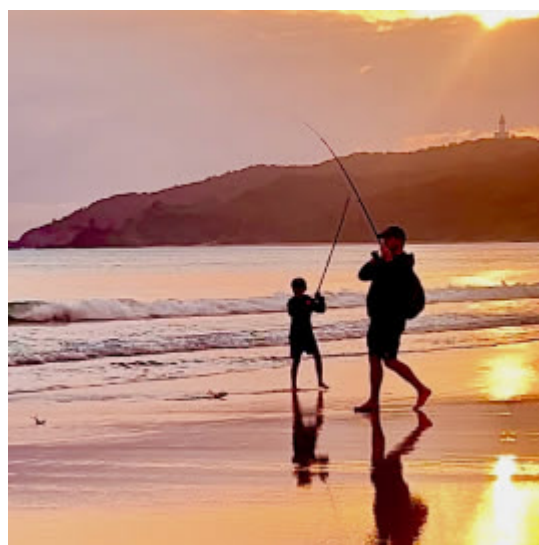
The Annual General Meeting will commence at 7:30 pm.

Images: The new Spirit V (outbound to Devonport) passes Spirit IV (inbound) after its drydock in Sydney. It will now take up residence in Williamstown until commencing the Bass Strait run. 'To prepare for the handover from the older fleet, there will be an 8-day window from October 23 to October 30 where no paying passenger services will operate. This time is reserved exclusively for crew training and final operational testing of the new vessels.' - ABC News

Angling.

Spring weather has arrived! Some calm days, but also strong winds and mixed weather, often warmer at times. The strong winds have meant anglers have been generally off the water. Keep an eye on forecasts; it's better to err on the side of safety than to practise your swimming style. The good news for Port Phillip anglers is the water temperatures are on the rise and finally warmer than outside the heads: 14.7°C at the top end of the Bay, Mid-Bay 14.5°C. In the ocean, it's cooler than in the bay: 14.3°C.

The new run of snapper has not yet happened; it may need the Bay water temperature to be above 14 °C, but there are plenty of pinkies around, with whiting, squid and flathead biting. Wind predominantly still from the north to north-west with strong west to south-westerlies.



When you get bait from the Club, can you please stop writing in hieroglyphics, as my ancient Egyptian is not good when reconciling docketts; and be sure you have enough credit on your fob when taking bait, or you will get a call from the office.

It is starting to happen on the water; since last edition, there are fish out there if you try.

Snapper.

There are still resident snapper in the bay, but they are hard to find. The new run of large snapper is about to happen; large schools are showing up on sounders but not eating yet. Early morning and sundown fishing seem to be most productive, although the fish do not always follow rules. Pinkies up to 50 cm (most 20 to 35 cms) are being caught in the Williamstown / Altona area around piers and jetties, Kirks Point and Long Reef. Actually, pinkies can be found on most reef areas and around piers in Williamstown, St Kilda and Port Melbourne and reef areas around Ricketts Point and Black Rock. Docklands and under the West Gate Bridge and around the Warmies (if steam is coming out of the chimney) have

been productive for land-based anglers. When the new run of snapper arrives, they generally head to shallower water. Mark Maceita caught a ripper early fish (75cm) in 3.5 mts of water at Portarlinton.

Remember to fish outside shipping channel exclusion zones, or it becomes very expensive fishing.

Best baits everywhere are silver whiting, pilchards, squid, garfish, Australian salmon fillets and couta. When you catch fish, please think about returning the ones you and your family do not need for food. Catch, take a pic, and then return them a.s.a.p. in good condition.



Flatties.

It is Flathead time (although they bite all year); the next couple of months are exceptional. Try for them in 2-8 metres of water. We believe a paternoster rig, sinker at the end of your line with one or two droppers above the sinker, is best. Start with a 4/0 or 5/0 hook. Cut pilchards, squid or fillets of any fish are great bait; they will also take soft plastic lures. Drift over sandy areas from Black Rock to Port Melbourne. Once you catch a few, go back over the area as Flathead do tend to school up in waves on the bottom. Out the back of the club, 100 metres out further from the pier end can be productive.

Gummies and other Sharks.

Good reports of sharks in the bay, school sharks, seven-gill sharks and gummies, but the water will need to clear after the rain. There are good-sized gummy sharks in many of the deep (12-20 metres) channels near the heads, and deeper areas up our end; try P2. You may even hook a shark in the shallows. There have been reports of very many 7-gill sharks in the bay up to 3 metres. Use very large chunks of bait, 10-12 size hooks and wire trace to stop them biting you off. The best baits seem to be silver whiting, Australian salmon fillets, pilchards, garfish and squid.

Whiting.

Whiting fishing should be good, but the inclement weather generally means the Club marks are not delivering. The water is clearing in areas where whiting normally hang out. There are good reports from the very southern end of the bay, where the water has been mostly clear. Kirks Point, Wedge Spit, Portarlinton, Mornington to Portsea and St Leonards areas are producing some nice whiting. Fish grassy areas 2-5 metres deep and keep moving if you are not catching them. Best baits: pipis, mussels and squid strips.

Squid.

Whiting areas are also squid areas, and they are lately plentiful and very large, so if chasing whiting, keep a few squid jigs ready—it may be well worth trying for them. Now is the time large squid enter the bay to breed and are hungry. Weather has not been helpful, but the squid are there if you go out. Try Werribee, Point Cook, Campbell's Cove, Point Lonsdale, Sorrento and Blairgowrie. The red stick directly out from Altona Yacht Club and boat ramp has had anglers bagging out on squid. Look for clear water and grassy patches. Try 3.5-size jigs; if no luck, try 2.5 jigs. Large squid are being caught; a favourite spot of mine is Blairgowrie Marina Pier on an incoming tide. The water will need to clear after the wind and rain we have had. Phillip Island has also been fishing well for large Squid.

Australian Salmon.

Salmon are in huge numbers but have been hit and miss the last few weeks. Keep an eye out for birds working, as there are schools of Australian Salmon up the Club end of the bay. Many good salmon have been caught around the red stick near Altona; schools have been reported out from Williamstown footy ground, and near Kerferd Road Pier and near the Williamstown Cardinal Marker to near the Clocktower in water as shallow as one metre. Salmon up to 65cm are being

caught. If you catch a salmon on bait, it is worth trying a lure for a dozen or so casts or a quick troll, as they are a schooling fish.

There have been big schools near the club and in close, so ideal for kayak anglers.

Point Lonsdale Pier has been productive for land-based anglers willing to travel.

Any smallish silvery or pilchard-looking lure dragged through, or cast into, the area the birds are diving in should produce fish. Salmon makes great bait for snapper, and if bled, cleaned immediately and cooked that day, provides reasonable eating.

Garfish.

Garfish are still very plentiful in the bay, so if you see them, a light rod with a quill, or similar float, and a small hook with Silverfish (very small, almost clear fish about 1-2 cm long), prawn slivers, or even bread dough works! They are being caught off most piers right around the Bay by land-based anglers. An area a few hundred mts from the main beach at Williamstown, opposite the rotunda, for boaters has been productive.

Mulloway.

It is a prime time to fish for Mulloway; the best times are as evening approaches, till well into the night. Live bait yakkas or mullet is best; large strips of fresh squid also work. They are being caught from the warmies right up the river to Burnley.

Check weather forecasts, keep an eye on the actual weather, do not take risks, give it a go, take care, and make sure you keep warm and take plenty of drinking water as it warms up.

The best anglers I know try not to make the same mistakes over and over again; instead, they strive to make new and interesting mistakes and to remember what they learned from them - John Gierach.

John Spragg.

Images: Will and Anthony Osborne at Byron Bay, Alex Spyrou readies his kayak.

OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
MICK SASS	5	22.6	ROB RAFFA	1	6.8
MARK MERCECA	2	11.8			
JOHN SPRAGG	1	4.7			
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Boathouse.

A huge thank you to our incredible volunteers who continue to give their time and skill to restoring our boats and maintaining the clubhouse! From keeping our fleet seaworthy to ensuring our spaces remain welcoming and functional, your hard work forms the backbone of our community.

Please know that your dedication and craftsmanship do not go unnoticed—we are deeply grateful for everything you do!

Important Safety Notice

Safe Navigation & Mandatory Fuel Management

To all members and hirers taking out club hireboats, please be reminded of two vital safety rules that **must** be followed every time you head out on the water:

1. Strictly Observe the Hireboat Map

Every hireboat is equipped with a designated navigation map. You must stay strictly within the designated boundaries and adhere to all local water regulations and marked zones.

2. Follow the 'Rule of Thirds' for Fuel

Never rely on a full tank without managing your trip distance. Always calculate your journey using the **1/3 Rule**:

- **1/3** of your fuel to reach your destination.
- **1/3** to return safely to shore.
- **1/3** kept in reserve for unexpected delays, changing conditions, or emergencies.

Why This Matters: A Recent Safety Incident

This is not just policy—it is critical for your safety and the Club's operations. Recently, a member ran out of fuel while drifting directly inside the main shipping channel.

The situation was serious enough for Victoria Police to contact the Director of Ports to halt commercial shipping traffic until a nearby vessel spotted the drifting anglers and towed them back to Kerferd Road Pier.

Running out of fuel in a shipping channel puts lives at risk, impacts commercial shipping operations, and threatens our Club's ability to continue offering boat hire.

Please double-check your fuel, review your route on the map before casting off, and always keep safety as your top priority.

Notice to Members

Updated Hireboat Fees & New Booking System (Effective October)

As our maintenance team continues their dedicated work in the boathouse, the rising costs of fuel and ongoing boat maintenance have required us to review our current hireboat operations. To ensure we can keep our fleet safe, well-maintained, and reliable for everyone, the Committee has approved an update to our hiring rates and booking process, taking effect this **October**.

Summary of Fee Adjustments

- **Standard Hireboats (Downstairs Fleet): \$75** per hire
- **Kayaks: \$30** per kayak
- **The Seahawk: \$240** per hire (For details, booking guidelines, or enquiries, please contact the Boathouse Captain directly)

New Booking System Launching in October

Alongside these fee adjustments, we are introducing a new booking system designed to streamline reservations and make reserving boats easier for members. Full instructions and details on how to access and use the new platform will be shared prior to the October launch.

We appreciate your ongoing support and understanding as we invest back into the quality and safety of our Club facilities and fleet.

LONGEST FISH			LENGTH
SNAPPER	IN		
	OPEN		
FLATHEAD	IN		
	OPEN	RICHARD CAIN	47
SHARK	IN		
	OPEN		
1ST SNAPPER	IN	ROB RAFFA	68
	OPEN	JOHN SPRAGG	47
LAST SNAPPER	IN		
	OPEN		
WHITING	IN		
	OPEN		
WHITING BAG	IN		
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PIKE	IN		
	OPEN		
	IN		
	OPEN		
SALMON	IN		
	OPEN	JACK MERCECA	54
CALAMARI	IN		
	OPEN	RICHARD MUSCAT	26
FLATHEAD	JUNIOR - IN	MATTHEW GOWANS	40

Chantal Jacq,
Boathouse Captain.



Boathouse Volunteers

We prepared for the recent forecast of strong southerly winds by placing the extra storm barriers at the east aisle doors. Thanks to **Stu Cousins** (and the Terex) for clearing the sand buildup.

Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to show up on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 16 attended last Wednesday.

Welcome back, **Phil T**, and we wish **Remy** safe travels to Bangladesh. Remy may be trying out the Bangladeshi traditional fishing method of using otters to catch fish. I don't know if the Angling Committee has a category for the biggest

fish caught by this method.

[How much of the fish do you get back? - Ed]

I sometimes include the praise I receive for what the volunteers are doing to maintain the Boat House, and recent acknowledgements came from members who attended the recent Hire Boat Induction, who praised the look of the Boat House, its clean state, and how good the recently painted beams and posts look. The painting and appearance of the posts with the protective rubber-backed carpet sections have been a dedicated task by volunteers *Mike Kotsanis, Tony Panayotou and Mike Morgan*. Great work, guys.

We are always endeavouring to ensure that boat owners have the easiest means of taking a boat out of its berth and returning the boat to its berth. Some boats have been moved to another berth to assist with ease of removal. With the constrictions placed on us by the narrow berths in the East and Centre aisles and the narrowness of the East aisle in particular, we at times struggle to please everyone, but we do keep trying. Please be patient.

Work continued on the Clinker Boat Restoration Projects:

EA385 had replacement parts for the new Nanni engine installed under warranty by the agent's Marine Diesel mechanic. A new Diesel fuel tank has been ordered.

PA35. The Electrical work, installing the navigation lights, has been completed. Thank you, **Bruce** and **Chris H**. Next week the boat will be ready for a sea trial.

PA18. Work continued replacing the old flooring with 12mm Marine ply. When the new flooring is finished, it will be painted and carpeted. When we have some clearance on the work aisle, the boat will have the inside of the hull restored and then put on the frames to assess the condition of the hull exterior.

A hire boat ran out of fuel and required a tow into the Kerford Road pier. It is an important reminder to hire boat skippers of their responsibility to check their fuel usage. Apparently, this boat had travelled many kilometres south of the Club and into the sea lanes.

Whilst the hire boat fuel tanks do not have provision for a fuel gauge, boat skippers should check the fuel level by sight at all times and adhere to a safe policy of 1/3 of a tank out to a destination, 1/3 in from a destination and 1/3 for emergency.

The Mercury tanks hold 12.5 litres of petrol, and the 20HP 4-Stroke engines are very efficient. This is the first occurrence of a hire boat running out of fuel.

Rations.

We have finally exhausted the supply of sausages, and during the football finals times, we decided a suitable accompaniment would be a national treasure Smoko treat, but without Kangaroos and Holden cars.

During Grand Final Week, we had pies on both days.

Ian Sekac.

APYAC Calendar 2026.

OCTOBER

Saturday 3rd October – **Closed from 4 p.m.** (Private Function).
 Wednesday 7th October– **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** (*regular dining closed*) 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday 11th October – **Oktoberfest Prost!** - Sunday Lunch
 Oktoberfest style, from 12 Noon.
 Saturday 17th October – **Closed from 4 p.m.** (Private Function).
 Saturday 24th October– **Johnny Fab** 8 p.m. – Free Entry.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 3rd November – **Melbourne Cup Luncheon** – *booking link coming soon*.
 Wednesday 4th November – **General Meeting** (*regular dining closed*) 7 p.m.
 Thursday 5th November – **Oaks Day Luncheon** – *booking link coming soon*.
 Saturday 14th November – **Regular Boys** 8 p.m.– Free Entry.
 Saturday 21st November – **Closed from 4 p.m.** (Private Function).

DECEMBER

Wednesday 2nd December - **General Meeting** (*regular dining closed*) 7 p.m.
 Saturday 12th December – **Kids Christmas Party** – *booking link coming soon*.
 Thursday 31st December – **APYAC New Years Eve Event** – *booking link coming soon*.

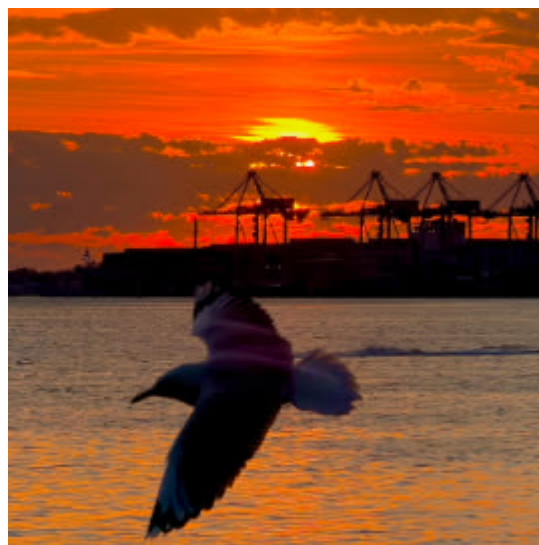
More events coming soon!

Note: Saturday Bands usually play from 7-9 p.m. or later during summer time.

Check the detailed listing as the event draws near.

All events and bookings will be advertised in Tight Lines as they become available.

We are always seeking great people to help with these Volunteer-run events. Email Lee Spyrou, President. **president @ apyac.org.au** or **apyac.volunteers @ gmail.com**



Fishing & Boating Season Calendar 2026-7.

OCTOBER

Lures & Plastics Mixed Bag Competition (In-House / Open / Kayaks) - 4.00 p.m. Friday 2nd October – 2.00 p.m. Sunday 4th October.
Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 4th October.

NOVEMBER

Max Coningsby Long Weekend Competition - 12.01 a.m.
 Saturday 31st October – 4.00 p.m. Tuesday 3rd November
 (prizes awarded at monthly meeting).
Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 pm Sunday 22nd November.



DECEMBER

Pot Of Gold Competition - 4.00 p.m. Friday 4th December – 2.00 p.m. Sunday 6th December.

Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 pm Sunday 6th December.

(11th–13th December / Backup POG Weekend dates)

JANUARY – NO COMPETITIONS

Clinker Boat Races - Australia Day, Tuesday 26th January.

FEBRUARY

Tiger Lyons Whiting Competition. - 4.00 p.m. Friday 5th February – 2.00 p.m. Sunday 7th February.

Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 7th February.

MARCH

Purrumbete Long Weekend - Friday 5th March – Monday 8th March.

Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 14th March.

Herring Island BBQ - Sunday 28th March, time TBC.*

APRIL

Flathead Frenzy Weekend - 4.00 p.m. Friday 2nd April – 2.00 p.m. Sunday 4th April.

Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 4th April.

MAY

End of Season – Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 30th May.

JUNE

Presentation Night - Saturday 19th June.

Note: Beaconsfield / Beach Road Closures may impact some events.

* *Actual start time to be confirmed.*

Volunteers needed.

Friday Night Helpers Needed!

We are still seeking friendly and enthusiastic volunteers to assist on Friday nights.

We need help with:

- **Raffle Ticket Selling:** 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- **Door Wardens** 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet and connect with fellow members, contribute to the club's vibrant Friday night atmosphere, and enjoy being part of our welcoming community.

Gain a deeper sense of belonging and support the club you love!

No experience is necessary --just bring your smile and willingness to help.

The **Friday Night Raffle & Door Volunteer Roster** has been updated and is ready for vacant positions to be filled.

Add your name to the Volunteer Roster by **Clicking this link.**

If you're interested or have any questions, please reach out by email to **apyac.volunteers @ gmail.com** with your preferred task, or drop into the office at the Club. Your support makes all the difference.

Barry Hayes,
Vice President.



Melbourne Boat Show

15th-18th October.

The *Boating Industry Association of Victoria's* Melbourne Boat Show is back at Docklands.

Victoria's premier boating event is on this October on the waterfront at Docklands.

Explore the world of boats, boating and the boating lifestyle!

Fishing, cruising, ski, wake, jetskis, pontoon, sailing boats and more.

There's something for everyone with sensational boat displays along Docklands waterfront and across five marinas. Great Stage

Presentations, a Fun Kids' Zone, Fishing Simulator, Super Tank, Tall Ships, Wooden Boats, and Rig Rundown.

100+ exhibitors, hundreds of boats, new releases and loads of boating fun.

See you at the Melbourne Boat Show, Docklands, October 15-18th.

Melbourne Boat Show: free registration; just click this link.



School holiday trout.

Reel fun awaits as holiday trout hit lakes

Victorian anglers and families have plenty to look forward to these spring school holidays, with almost **40,000 rainbow trout** being stocked into 75 lakes across the state.

Popular fishing spots receiving trout include Karkarook Lake at Heatherton, Allans Flat Dredge Hole near Yackandandah, Hyland Lake at Churchill, Tchum Lake at Birchip, Cato Lake at Stawell and Lake Pertobe at Warrnambool.

The approximately 180-gram trout have been raised at the iconic Snobs Creek hatchery and are an ideal size for beginners. They readily take inexpensive baits and can also be caught on lures cast from the shore.

A daily bag limit of **five trout** applies, with no more than two exceeding 35cm.

The *Victorian Fisheries Authority* says the stocking program is part of a record release of 30 million fish into Victorian waters over the past three years.

For lake locations, fishing tips and regulations, [click here](#).

For more tips and tricks on catching fish during the school holidays, check out our instructional videos and more [by clicking here](#).

More information about permitted equipment and licensing can also be found in the Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide, available free from most bait and tackle shops, online [by clicking here](#), or via the free 'Vic Fishing' app on your smartphone.

[ChatGPT was used to shorten the VFA's press release]

The App's back!

I'm pleased to report that the APYAC App has been restored.

Two pages of your Club info in the palm of your hand.

- Read TIGHT LINES in Member News,
- Book a table in a flash in Dining Bookings,
- Hire a boat or kayak, and much more.

Check out the APYAC APP on both app stores, here are the links:

For iPhones -- **Apple App Store:**

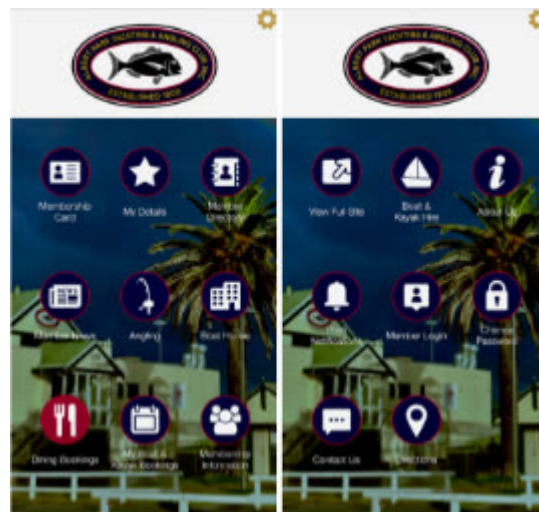
<https://tinyurl.com/APYAC-app-Apple>

For Android phones --**Google Play Store:**

<https://tinyurl.com/APYAC-App-GooglePlay>

Chantal Jacq

APYAC Boathouse Captain & Social Media Manager



History.

If you have any old club pictures or documents, we'd love to get copies. Contact: apyac.volunteers@gmail.com

Bill Ryan.

[Image: Thanks to the State Library of Victoria]



Boat Hire Coordination.

The Club has three boats and three kayaks for hire. See the website **by clicking here** for hiring details.

For an Induction course, please reach out to **Chantal Jacq**, our Boathouse Captain, email: captain@apyac.org.au.

Admin has now taken on the task of coordinating boat hires. Please check our website for full instructions (Angling / Boat & Kayak Hire) or **by clicking here**.

To hire a boat, you must:

- Complete a boathouse, boat, or kayak induction.
- Hold a marine licence (for boat hire).
- Register as a hirer, and complete a risk waiver.
- Be 18 years or older.

Payments for boat hire can be made:

- At the bar during Club hours.
- Online with a credit card through our payment gateway.
- Using fob credit (ensure you have sufficient funds loaded).

For further information, please reach out to **Chantal Jacq**, our Boathouse Captain, at captain@apyac.org.au. Admin is assisting only with the booking process.

Image: The faster you help fill the bucket, the faster we can have a competition!



Merchandise.

Get yours now. Use your house levy:

Jackets \$85

Vests \$75

Hoodies \$65

Golf Umbrella \$60.

Fishing Tops \$50

Polo Shirts \$50

Scarf \$20 (*You really only need one.*)

Wine Glasses (pair) \$20

Neck warmer \$15

Cap \$30

Hats \$25

Pom Pom Beanie \$25

Postcards \$10 **Eight cards and one stamp!** (*Send one to someone who lives in Surfer's (sandless) Paradise!*)

Stubby Holder \$10.



APYAC Podcasts.

The latest addition to the podcast library is a speech given by the Secretary at a business lunch about APYAC and our *Shellfish Reef Restoration Project*. Check it out **by clicking here**.

Other podcasts interview guests:

Remy Van De Wiel, 'Plastics in the bays.'

Travis Dowling CEO of the Victorian Fishing Authority (VFA).

Brian Wright speaking about his friend, Warren Davey.

Bob Pearce, speaking about his life and times.

Mick Sass, speaking about his life and times.

Chris Lockhart, introducing our new Caterer.

Phil Langdon, speaking about his life and times.

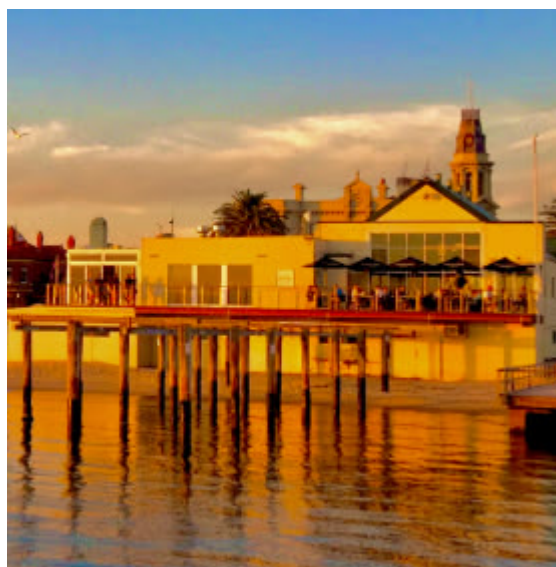
New Committee members, **Stuart Cousins**, **Barry Hayes** and **Chris Herbert**.

Plus

Bev Pinder & Lee Spyrou (88.3 FM).

Gavin McGrath & Lee Spyrou (ABC Radio).

Check out APYAC's [podcast page by clicking here](#).



Email spam.

To reduce the amount of spam emails the I.T. experts recommend that we don't put linked email addresses in Tight Lines, so we write the email address, but leave gaps between the words.

It is up to you to put them together. For example: **members @ apyac.org.au**

Tight Lines - Why so often?

The larger edition of Tight Lines appears at the end of the month to advise you of the next Club Meeting, and always on a Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. so you can plan your weekend during your lunch break.

The smaller edition (which we call *Slack Lines* behind the scenes) usually appears in the second week of the month to advise changes, events, band Sundays, and the latest Menu Specials. The clue is in the dateline at the top and bottom. During months with five Wednesdays, we get a week off.

We have removed most email addresses, not because we don't want to hear from you, but because it stops the bots that roam the internet from finding them to send spam email. Just click the contact links instead, or go to the website: apyac.org.au

Any ideas? [Just click this link here](#) and put TIGHT LINES IDEAS in the subject line.

The Tight Lines Editor is **James Nixon**.

Club Opening Hours.

TUE - FRI (OFFICE): 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday.

Open at 4 p.m.

Happy Hour 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Normal menu, specials: Parma Night!

Book tables to help prove demand.

Club Meeting Wednesdays are different.

Thursdays, Fridays.

Lunch 12 noon - 2:30 p.m.

Bar Snacks 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday Happy Hour 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Bar Snacks 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Saturdays

Lunch 12 noon - 3:30 p.m.

Bar snacks until 4:30 p.m.

Saturday Happy Hour 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (except when closed early for functions).

Dinner 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

If there are no bookings or demand, the venue will close at 7 p.m.

NOTE: If there is a function, we close at 3:30 p.m. sharp.

Sundays

Lunch 12 noon - 3:30 p.m.

Bar Snacks 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We remain open later on Band Sundays; details during booking.

Wednesday 30th September - Tuesday 13th October 2026

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